



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
2 NAVY ANNEX  
WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

TRG  
Docket No: 2499-99  
25 May 2000

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Dear [REDACTED]:

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 25 May 2000. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Marine Corps on 16 January 1996 at age 18. Subsequently, you stated that prior to enlistment you had attempted suicide attempt by taking 20 Sudafeds and 15 Advils with a bottle of vodka. You stated "I was drunk at the time I did this stupid thing." On 3 July 1996 you were diagnosed as having dependent personality traits. However, you were recommended for separation because of fraudulent enlistment due to the undisclosed preservice suicidal behavior.

On 8 July 1996 you were notified of separation processing due to fraudulent enlistment. At that time, you elected to waive your procedural rights. On 9 July 1996 the separation authority approved the recommendation of your commanding officer that you receive an entry level separation due to fraudulent enlistment. At that time you were assigned an RE-3F reenlistment code.

You state in your application that you were having difficulties because you were concerned for your brother, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident. You have submitted a letter from a psychologist to the effect that you had some adjustment problems after being separated from the Marine Corps, but had

responded to counseling and were qualified to be a Marine. You are requesting a change in the reenlistment code so that you can enlist in the Marine Corps.

Since you concealed the suicide attempt the Board concluded that you were properly separated due to fraudulent enlistment. The Board is aware that an RE-3F reenlistment code is normally assigned to individuals who do not complete initial training in the Marine Corps. However, an RE-4 reenlistment code may be assigned when an individual is separated due to fraudulent enlistment. Since you have been assigned the best possible reenlistment code authorized by regulations, the Board could not find an error or injustice in the assignment of the RE-3F reenlistment code.

Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director